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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Bryan Knight Manager Unit B Irrigation and Drainage District 15875 South Avenue A Somerton, AZ 85350

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Colorado River Water Diversion - Unit B

Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Knight:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's CY 2021 Colorado River water diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2021.

Water rights for lands within the District are based on water right certificates which provide for delivery of the quantity of water which can be beneficially used for irrigation of individual lands covered by the water right certificate.

Based upon a review of the CY 2021 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 29,400 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water during CY 2021 for use in the District's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 20,816 AF.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2021 in an effort to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2021, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for CY 2021. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or jdodds@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Director

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